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PATENT

Docket No. GCL2662

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application: F. Valle et al.

Serial No.: 08/940,692

Filed: September 30, 1997

For: APPLICATION FOR GLUCOSE  
TRANSPORT MUTANTS FOR PRODUCTION  
OF AROMATIC PATHWAY COMPOUNDS

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: R. Prouty, Ph. D.

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The above-identified application is being filed under RCE practice (37 CFR 1.114). Please enter the amended claim set and consider the remarks herein. The instant amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated August 13, 2002.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

~~Cancel claims 28 and 41.~~

Please enter the following clean copy of the amended claims. A marked-up version is attached hereto as Appendix I.

23. (Amended) A mutant host cell having a metabolic pathway which uses PEP as a precursor or intermediate of metabolism, said host cell characterized by: